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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GILPATRIC

Subject: U-2s

1. The Sino-Indian Border task consists of four sorties. CIA has requested the return of 3 J-75 equipped U-2s on loan to SAC to accomplish the mission.
2. The J-75 equipped U-2 offers a two to three thousand foot altitude advantage over the J-57 equipped U-2.
3. It appears that the vulnerability of the U-2 over the Sino-Indian border areas is considerably less than operations over Cuba.
4. CIA states their operations are geared to the J-75 equipped aircraft. This includes pilot training and ground support, I.E., logistics, maintenance, communications and electronics support.
5. SAC requires three aircraft to maintain their present commitment over Cuba. (Averages 1 sortie per day).
6. CIA refers to the original agreement between SECDEF and DIR CIA dated 23 Jun that states that the J-75 aircraft are temporarily loaned to SAC with the provision that they are to be immediately returned upon request by the DIR CIA when required to meet his priority collection requirements. (This is contained in a CIA message to USAF and JCS, cite 9076, DTG 231855Z Jun).

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